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## May 16, 2018 Petersburg City Council Appoints City Assessor



**Petersburg, Virginia:** Petersburg City Council unanimously approved the appointment of Brian E. Gordineer as City Assessor during the May 15<sup>th</sup> City Council Meeting. In this role, Mr. Gordineer will oversee the valuation of real property; plan and develop procedures for commercial, industrial and residential appraisals; organize hearings on reassessments; manage the preparation, installation and maintenance of property tax records and maps; maintain local property value trends; and administer the land use program.

Mr. Gordineer has more than 24 years of assessment experience, beginning as an appraiser trainee in the City of Richmond. He has also served as Henrico County Senior Appraiser and Land Use Administrator, Deputy Director of the Real Estate Assessments Division of James City County and was responsible for assessing properties including Busch Gardens and the Anheuser Busch Brewery.

"The City Assessor's Office is a major focal point for Petersburg's progress," said Petersburg Mayor, Sam Parham. "We are confident in Mr. Gordineer's experience with historic areas and reviving assessment programs."

Prior to joining the City of Petersburg, Mr. Gordineer served as Hampton's City Assessor since 2008. During his tenure, the assessment office underwent complete process analysis and process improvement. This led to Hampton's Office of the Assessor of Real Estate being the first Virginia locality to be awarded the Certificate of Excellence in Assessment Administration by the International Association of Assessing Officers in 2011. Today, there are only 38 jurisdictions internationally that have achieved this certification.

From 2013 to 2015, Mr. Gordineer served on the Executive Board of the International Association of Assessing Officers, the professional association of assessment administrators and in 2016 he served as President of the Virginia Association of Assessing Officers. He is a senior specialty instructor with the International Association of Assessing Officers and teaches at the Virginia Department of Taxation's Annual Advanced Assessor School. He is a Certified General Real Estate Appraiser (Commonwealth of Virginia) and holds the Assessment Administration Specialist designation from the International Association of Assessing Officers.

Mr. Gordineer is a graduate of the College of William and Mary, as well as William and Mary's Mason School of Business. He has an interest in historic preservation and has served as a consultant for placing historic properties on the National Register of Historic Places and authoring the text for several Virginia highway historic markers.

Mr. Gordineer will begin with the City on Monday, May 21, 2018.